

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of KERMAN
TELEPHONE CO. (U 1012 C) to restructure
intrastate rates and charges for telephone services
within the State of California.

Application 02-01-004
(Filed January 4, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

At the Prehearing Conference (PHC) on February 26, 2002, Kerman Telephone Co. renewed its request for interim rate relief citing financial emergency and undue delay processing its request for general rate relief. Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) renewed its opposition to the request for interim rate relief. Both applicant and ORA cited cases to buttress their respective arguments. At the PHC, ORA proposed its latest estimate of a proposed hearing schedule as follows:

ORA Audit Report Due	August 30, 2002
Public Participation Hearings	Week of September 2, 2002
Second Prehearing Conference	September 6, 2002
Interested Parties Testimony Due	September 20, 2002
Rebuttal Testimony Due	October 11, 2002
Evidentiary Hearings	November 11-15, 2002
Opening Briefs Due	December 13, 2002

Reply Briefs Due	January 6, 2003
Proposed Decision	February 14, 2003
Comments on Proposed Decision	TBD
Final Decision	TBD

We were somewhat concerned at the time as to the ability of ORA's consultant to complete the audit report in the time frame proposed by ORA. We are taking the opportunity now to determine from ORA if it can meet the schedule it proposed.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) shall serve all parties no later than June 12, 2002 responses to the following:

- a. Will ORA be able to meet the schedule it proposed in February, 2002?
- b. If not, what is the schedule that it can now meet?

2. Kerman Telephone Co. may respond to ORA's filing.

Dated June 6, 2002 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DEAN J. EVANS

Dean J. Evans
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Additional Information on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 6, 2002 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO

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N O T I C E

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